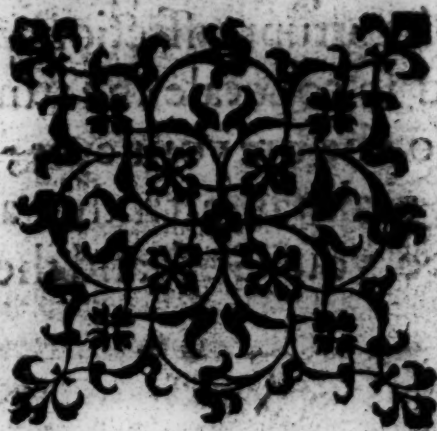


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*The Oath to be ministred to the Church.
wardens and Sworne-men.*

YOU shall sweare, that you and euery of you,
without all affection, fauour, hatred, hope of
reward and gaine, or feare of displeasure or ma-
lice of any person, shall present all & euery such
person or persons of or within your Parish, who
hath committed any offence, fault, or crime
mentioned in any of these Articles, or which are
vehemently suspected, or otherwise defamed of
any such offence, fault or crime: wherein you
shall deale vprightly and according to truth,
neither of malice presenting any contrary to
truth, nor of corrupt affection sparing to pre-
sent any, and so conceale the truth: hauing in
this action God before your eyes, with an ear-
nest zeale to maintaine truth, and suppress
vice. So helpe you God and the Contents of
this Booke.



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IN primis, Whether hath your Minister
red the Constitutions, set forth by his
Majestie, once every yeere, upon some
Sundais or Holidays, in the after-
noone, before Divine Service, as hee
is bound?

2 Whether doth your Minister or
Preacher in his prayer before his Sermon, be to pray for
the Kings Majestie, King CHARLES, Queene MARIE,
& all the Royall Progenie, with his whole Title, as King
of Great Brittain, France and Ireland, Defender of the
Faith, &c. and in all causes, and over all persons, within
his Highnes Dominions, as well Ecclesiasticall as Tem-
porall, next and immediately under Gods supreme Conser-
vation? And whether doth he in like manner then pray for
the Archbishops, & Bishops, as by Law is also appointed?

3 Whether doth your Minister use the prescript forms
of Divine Service upon Sundais, Holidays, Wed-
nesdaies and Fridays, according to the Booke of Com-
mon Prayer? And whether doth your Minister duly ob-
serve all the Orders, Rites, and Ceremonies prescribed
in the Booke of Common Prayer, as well in reading
pub-

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publicke prayers and the Letany, as also in administering
the Sacraments in such manner & forme as by the Booke
of Common Prayer by law now established is entoyned?
4 Whether doth your Minister administer the holy
Communion so often, and at such times, as that every Pa-
rishioner may receive the same at least thrice in every
yeare, whereof once at Easter, as by the booke of common
prayer is appointed?

5 Whether doth your Minister receive the same him-
selfe, on every day that he administreth it to others, knee-
ling at the same, and administreth to none but such as do
kneele at the receiuing thereof, and vse the words of the
institution according to the Booke, at every time that the
Bread and Wine is received, in such manner and forme,
as by the Canon of the 12. Canon is directed? or
wherein is he faultie touching the premises? and whe-
ther is warning given by him before hand for the Com-
munion, as the 12. Canon requireth.

6 Whether doth your Minister vse the administration
of the Lords Supper, Baptisme, Instruction of children,
solemnization of Matrimony, Visitation of the sick, buri-
all of the dead, the commination, and churching of women,
under such words, rites and ceremonies as are set forth
and prescribed by the said Booke of common prayer, and
no other?

7 Whether hath your Minister admitted to the com-
munion any notorious offenders or Schismatiks, con-
trary to the 26. and 27. constitutions?

8 Whether your Minister together with the Church-
wardens and Questmen, do take diligent heede and care,
not only that all and every one of your own Parishioners,
doe receive thrice in every yeare, as aforesaid, but also
that no strangers of any other Parishes come often and
commonly to your Church from their own Parishes
contrary to the 28. canon: and you are note to present
the names of all those who being of the age of 16. yeeres
or upwards, have not in their own Parishes since
Ester

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Easter last, received the Communion, according to the
112. Canon?

9 Whether doth your Minister use to signe the children
with the signe of the crosse, when they are baptizd, ac-
cording to the Booke of common prayer: and whether he
hath deferred, or wilfully refused to baptize any infant in
his Parish being in danger, having been duly informed
of the weaknesse thereof: and whether the child hath dy-
ed in his default without baptism: or whether hath he at
any time refused or neglected to bury the dead, or to mini-
ster the Sacrament of the Lord Supper to any, being in
extremity of sicknesse, having beene required thereunto?

10 Whether is your Minister continually resident with
you upon his Benefice, or for how long time hath he bin
absent, and where is he resident for the most part, & what
other Benefice hath he?

11 Whether doth your Minister preach usually accor-
ding to the constitutions, either in his owne cure with
you once every Sunday, or else in some other Church or
Chappell nere adjoining, where no Preacher is? or how
often hath he bene negligent in that behalfe?

12 Whether is your Minister a Preacher allotted: if
yea, then by whom? if no, then doth he procure Ser-
mons to be preached among you, once in every Moneth
at least, by such as are lawfully licensed?

13 Whether hath your Minister any other Benefice,
and whether doth he supply his absence by a Curate that
is licensed to preach in that is Cure, whereon he himselfe
is not resident? or otherwise, in case he doth not finde a
preaching Minister there, by reason of the smallnesse ther-
of, whether doth he preach at both his Benefices usually
himselfe, according to the 47. Canon?

14 Whether is your Curate licensed to serve by the
Bishop of the Diocese or his Chancelor: and whe-
ther doth he serve any more Cures then one? if yea, what
other cure doth he serve: and how farre are they distant
one from the other: and whether hath your Curate any

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Benefice, or cure of soules bestowed your Cure?

15 If your Minister be not licensed to preach, whether doth he take upon him to expound the Scriptures, either in his own Cure or else-where, contrary to the 49. canon?

16 Whether hath any person been admitted to preach within your Church or Chappell, but such as you have well knowne to be sufficiently licensed? you shall present their names to whom you have so admitted, and how often they have preached, and by whose procurement.

17 Whether haue you caused every strange Preacher, licensed or not licensed, to subscribe his name, according to the 50. and 52. Canons? and whether haue they, or any other, preached in your Church, not being soberly and decently apparelled, according to the 74. Canon.

18 Whether doth your Parson, or Vicar, or Lecturer reade Diuine Service, and administer the Sacraments, in his owne person, twice every yeare, obseruing all the ceremonies in the Booke of common prayer established, according to the 56. Canon.

19 Whether doth your Minister weare the Surplice, while he is saying the publique prayers, and administering the Sacraments? and if he be a Graduate, whether doth he also weare upon his Surplice, during the times aforesaid, such a hood as by the Orders of the Uniuersitie, is agreeable to his Degree?

20 Whether doth your Minister every Sunday and Holiday before Morning Prayer, for halfe an houre or more, Catechise and instruct the youth, and ignorant persons of your parish, in the ten Commandments, the Articles of Beliefe, and the Lords Prayer? and whether doth he use the Catechisme set forth in the Booke of common prayer, and instruct and teach them in the said Catechisme, or what Catechisme else doth he use, and whether he teach the children, and ignorant persons sent at that time to the Church, to be Catechised and instructed by the Minister? and if not, you are to present the names of those that should be so instructed.

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21 Whether hath your Minister without license from the Court of Faculties, or from the Archbishop, or the Bishop of this Diocese, or his Chancelor, solemnized marriage betwixt any parties, the banes not being thre severall Sundaies or Holidaies first published in time of Divine Service, in the severall Churches or Chappels of their severall abodes, according to the Booke of common prayer: or without license in time prohibited, albeit the banes were so published? or at any time, except betwixt the houres of 8. and 12. in the sozenone? or hath your Minister married any of another Diocese: or hath any of your Parish bene married in another Diocese? if any have bene so married, or licensed to marry by any authority other then aforesaid, you shall present the Minister so marrying, the parties so married, and the authority whereby this was done?

22 Whether hath your Minister since the last Canons published, solemnized any marriage betwixt any persons, being vnder the age of 21. yeres, although the banes have been thrice asked, before such time as the parents have made knowne to him their consents thereunto, contrary to the 100. Canon?

23 Whether doth your Minister vpon Sundayes at morning prayer declare vnto the Parishioners, what Holydaies and fasting dayes are appointed to bee kept the weeke following according to the booke of comon prayer?

24 Whether doth your Minister in the Rogation daies vse the perambulation of the circuit of the Parish appointed by law? And in the same perambulation moue the people to giue thanks to God for his benefits, vsing such Psalmes and Prayes as are to that end set forth?

25 Whether hath any (being no Minister or Deacon, presumed to read comon prayer openly in the Church or Chappell, or to serue the Cure of the Parish? And whether hath any Deacon, not hauing received the full orders of Priesthood, administered the Sacraments in your Church or Chappell: and you are to present the names of

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any that hath offended herein?

26 Whether doth your Minister every six months denounce in his Parish all such as doe perswene in the sentence of excommunication, not seeking to bee absolved? and whether hath he said Divine Service, while any excommunicate person hath beene present in the Church, or hath admitted any person excommunicate into the church without a certificate of his absolution from the Ordinarie or other competent Judge?

27 Whether doth your Minister, being a Preacher, endeavour and labour diligently with mildnesse and temperance to reclaim Popish Recusants in his Parish from their errors, if there be any such abiding there? and whether any of them being so offered conference by your minister, doe refuse it?

28 Whether is your Parson, Vicar, or Curate too much frequent, or over-conversant with, or a favourer of Recusants, whereby he may be suspected not to be sincere in Religion?

29 Whether hath your Minister, or any other, taking upon him the calling of a Minister, preached, baptized children, (except in case of necessity) solemnized marriage, churched any woman, or ministered the holy Communion in any private house or houses, other wise then by Law is allowed? if yea, then where? whom? when? and how often hath he offended in any of the premises?

30 Whether doth your Minister resort to such as bee sicke, to instruct and comfort them in their distresse, according to the Booke of common prayer?

31 Whether doth your Minister carefully looke to the reliefe of the poore? and whether doth he from time to time call upon his Parishioners to confer and give somewhat, as they may spare, to godly and charitable uses, especially when they make their Testaments?

32 Whether doth your Minister use such decency and comelinesse in his apparell, as by the 74. Constitution is enioyned him? and is he of sober behaviour, and one that doth

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Doth not vse such bodily labour as is vnseemely for his calling?

33 Whether doe you knowe any in your Parish, that hauing heretofore taken vpon him the order of a Priesthood or Deacon, hath since relinquished the same, and betaken himselfe in the course of his life as a Lay-man, or neglecting his vocation, liueth idely, serueth no cure, or preacheth no where?

34 Whether is your Minister noted or reputed to bee an incontinent person, a frequenter of Tauernees or Alehouses, a common gamester or player at dice, a common Swearer or Drunkard, or faulty in any other crime punishable by Ecclesiasticall censures, whereby he is offensive or scandalous to his function or Ministerie?

35 Whether doth your Minister vse the forme of thanksgiuing to women after their child-birth? and whether hath he admitted any thereunto, that was begotten with child in adultery or fornication, without licence of his Ordinarie?

36 Whether hath your Minister receiued any excommunication, suspension, or aggrauation from the Bishop of this Diocese, or his Chancelor, or other Ordinarie against any of his Parishioners, which he hath presumed to make stay of, and not published such excommunication, suspension, or aggrauation, the next Sunday or holi-day after the receipt of the same, in time of diuine Service in your Church or Chappell?

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1 **W**hether haue you in your severall Churches or Chappels, the Booke of Constitutions or Canons Ecclesiasticall, ready to be read by the Minister, according to his Maiesties pleasure, published by his Highnesss authoritie vnder the great Seale of England?

2 Whether is there in your Church or Chappell, one parchment Register-booke provided for christenings, marriages, and burials? and whether is the same duely and

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perfectly kept according to the constitutions in that behalf provided: and haue the Church-wardens exhibited a transcript thereof into the L. Bishops Registry every yere since the last Trienniall Visitation, as by the 70. Canon it required:

3 Whether haue you provided the Booke of common prayer lately set forth by his Maiesties authority, and the booke of Homilies, and a large Bible of the last edition? And whether haue you in your Church or chappell a Font of Stone, set vp in the ancient vsuall place, a conuenient and decent communion Table, with a Carpet of Silke or some other decent stuffe, and a faire linnen cloth to lay thereon at the Communion time? And whether is the same Table placed in such conuenient sort within the said Chancell or Church, as that the Minister may bee best heard in his prayer and administration, and that the greater number may communicate? and whether are the ten commandments set vpon the East end of your Church or Chappell where the people may see and read them, and other sentences of holy Scriptures written on the walls likewise for the same purpose?

5 Whether haue you a conuenient seate for your Minister to read Seruice in, together with a comely Pulpit set vp in a conuenient place, with a decent cloth or cushion for the same, a comely large Surplice, a faire Communion cuppe of silver, and a couer agreeable for the same, with all other things and ornaments necessarie for the celebration of Divine Seruice, and administration of the Sacraments, and a strong chest for the almes of the poore, with three locks and keyes, whereof the Minister is to keepe one key: and another chest for the keeping of the ornaments of the Church and Register booke?

5. Whether are your Church or Chappels, with the Chancells thereof, & your parsonage or Vicarage house, and all other housing thereto belonging, in good reparations, and decently and comely kept, as well within as without, and are the seates of your Church well maintained?

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if not, then through whose default, and what the defects are?

6 Whether is your Church-yard well and sufficiently repaired, fenced, and maintained with walls, rails, or pales, according to the 85. Canon: if not, then through whose default any part is left un-repaired, and at whose charge the same is to be repaired?

7 Whether hath any person encroached on the ground of the Church yard: and if any hath, what quantity of ground hath he encroached: and whether is any part of your Church-yard encroached on, or encō bryed by tombes, or monuments erected without the allowance of the L. Bishop of this Diocese, or his Chancelloz, or other lawfull authority: when, and for whom, and by whom such tombes and monuments have beene so erected?

8 Whether have you in your Church any ancient or true note, or terrier of all the gleaves, lands, meadowes, gardens, orchards, houses, stocks, implements, tenements, and portions of tithes, lying within or without the Parish, which belongs to your parsonage or Vicarage: if there be any, whether is it well kept and preserved for the good of the succeeding Incumbents, and in what particular place is it kept?

Articles concerning Ecclesiasticall Officers.

1 **W**hether do you know or have heard of any payment, composition or agreement, to or with the Chancelloz, Register, or other inferiour officers Ecclesiasticall, for suppressing or concealing of any presentment, excommunication, or other Ecclesiasticall censure of or against Recusants, or any other Offenders, or for not certifying of recusants to the Ordinary, or for not serving of proccesse without a summe of money, or other consideration, received or promised to any of them in that respect, and by whom?

2 Whether the Chancelloz, Archdeacon, Officiall, or any other, using Ecclesiasticall iurisdiction within this

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Diocesse, their Registers or Apparitors, have at any time winked at and suffered any adulteries, fornications, incests or any other faults or offences presented unto them, to passe & remaine unpunished and uncorrected for money, rewards, bribes, pleasure, friendship, or any other partial respect?

3 Whether the Chancelor, Archdeacon, or Official have called for, or caused the Church-wardens to make, bring, or to pay for any more bills of presentment, then is to the 116. Canon appointed?

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Canon. 135.

136. Canon.

138. Canon.

4 Whether hath any Chancelor, Archdeacon, or Official, or any other, exercising Ecclesiasticall jurisdiction within this Diocesse, or any Register, Apparitor, or Minister belonging to the same Ecclesiasticall courts, exacted extraordinary or greater fees then heretofore of late have bene accustomed: and whether is there a Table of the rates of all fees set up in their severall courts and offices: and whether doe they or any of them exact or receive greater or more fees then are therein expressed: or whether they or any of the have taken upon the office of Informers or Promoters to the Court, or any other way abused themselves in their offices, contrary to the Law and Canon in that case provided?

5 Whether hath the Chancelor, Archdeacon or Official increased the number of his Apparitors, or appointed any Apparitor above the usual number, and wherein and in what manner is the Country over-burdened and grieved by the said Apparitors? And whether hath any of the said Apparitors cause any parties to appeare in the said Courts, without first a presentment or citation obtained from the Judge of the Court?

Articles concerning Schoolemasters.

1 **V**hat Recusant Papists are there in your Parish, and whether doe any of them or any other, keepe any Schoolemaster in their house, who commeth not to Church to heare Divine Service, and receive the Com-

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Communion: what is his name, and how long hath hee taught?

2 Whether the Schoolemaster or Schoolemasters within your Parish, openly, or privately in any house, or in any other place, be of good and sincere Religion, (that is, of the Religion established in this Realme) life and conversation, and bee diligent in teaching, and bringing up of youth, and whether they haue bin examined, allowed, and licensed for Schoolemasters by the L. Bishop of this Diocese, or his Chancello?

3 Whether your Schoolemaster or Schoolemasters doe themselves receiue the holy Communion as often as they ought to doe? and whether doe all their Schollers, which be of age sufficient, and of capacitie by instruction to receiue the Lords Supper, come to the Communion, either in your Church, or where their parents dwell, once euery yeare, and be diligent to heare Common Prayer?

4 Whether your Schoole-master or Schoolemasters either private or publique, doe teach their Schollers the Catechisme Authozized by publique authoritie, at least once euery weeke, and doe instruct and examine them in the same? and whether doe they read vnto their Schollers privately any vnlawfull bookes: or privately instruct the in their yong yeeres in Popery, superstition, schisme, or disobedience, or Contempt of his Maiestie, & his lawes Ecclesiasticall, by publique authority allowed?

5 Whether your Schoolemaster or Schoolemasters within your Parish do teach his or their Schollers any other Grammer, then that which is commonly called the Kings Grammer, set forth by the authority of King Henry the eight: and whether they be negligent in instructing their Schollers in the Catechisme and grounds of Religion, and in bringing them to Church to heare Divine Service, & Sermons: whether doe they instruct their Schollers in any other Catechisme then is allowed by publique authority? and whether are they common Officers, Farmers

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Farmers, Artificers, or otherwise entangled in other affaires, that they cannot benefit their Schollers in learning?

Articles concerning Parishioners and others of the Laitie.

1 **W**Hether any in your Parish, or else-where nere about the same, to your knowledge, or as you haue heard, hath affirmed that the King hath not the same power in all causes Ecclesiasticall, which the Kings of Israel had, & which the Christian Kings and Emperours had in the Primitive Church? or that hath impeached or gainsaid his Royall Supremacie?

2 **W**Hether doe you know, or haue credibly heard of any within your Parish, that depraue the Christian Religion, and namely, as it is established by publique authority, and professed within the Church of England? And whether hath any person, as you haue heard, affirmed, that the Church of England is not a true, Catholike and Apostolike Church, and doth not teach and maintaine the Catholike faith and doctrine of the Apostles?

3 **W**Hether hath any said or affirmed, that any thing in the Booke of common Prayer, or in the booke of Articles of Religion, set forth by the Conuocation Anno 1562. or any of the Rites and Ceremonies established in the Church of England, are corrupt, wicked, antichristian, superstitious, vnlawfull, or repugnant to the Scriptures?

4 **W**Hether hath any affirmed, preached, or taught, that the forme of making and consecrating Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, or any thing therein contained is not agreeable to the Word of God? or that the gouernement of the Church vnder the Kings most excellent Maiestie by Archbishops, Bishops, or others that beare any office therein, is Antichristian, or not agreeable to the Word of God? or that hath spoken any reproachfull or disgracefull speeches of the Kings Maiesties Courts Ecclesiasticall, or the proceedings thereof?

5 **W**Hether any in your Parish hath or doth prophane the

and others of the Laicie.

the Lords day, called Sunday, or other holy day contrary to the Orders of the Church of England prescribed in that behalfe? or whether any persons haue lurked or tippled in Tanerne or Ale-houses on Sundais, or other Holi-daves, or vsed his or their mannall craft or trade, or any bodily labour, or kept their shops open vpon the same daves, or any of them, especially in the time of diuine Seruice?

6 Whether hath any in your parish brawled, quarrelled or Striken, or vsed any violence vnto or with your Minister, or any other person in the Church or Church-yard, or vsed himselfe disorderly in the Church or Churchyard by filthy & prophane talke, or any other rude and immodest behantour?

7 Whether is that due reuerence and humble submission vsed within your Church or Chappell in the time of Diuine Seruice, as by the 18. Canon is prescribed, and whether each one in the Church or Chappell doe apply & order himselfe there in time of Diuine Seruice, as by the latter part of the same Canon is most commendably enioyned?

8 Whether doe the Church-wardens and Quest-men euery Sunday and Holi-day diligently search who absenteth himselfe or her selfe from the Church? or whether doe they suffer any to abide in the Church-porch or Church yard in the time of common Prayer or Sermon?

9 Whether the Church-wardens and Quest men or any of them, haue for bozne (for money, reward, fauour, or affection) to present any that were or be negligent in coming to Church, or whom they haue found as idle persons abroad, either in the Churchyard or Streets in the time of common prayer, or Sermons on the Sunday or holy-daies? or any that haue not receiued the Communion yeerely at the feast of Ester, or within a moneth after, according to the Canons?

10 Whether the Church-wardens doe provide against euery Communion, with the aduice of the Minister, a sufficient quantitle of fine white bread, and of good and wholesome wine, for the number of communicants that shall receiue, and that to be brought in a cleane and sweet standing pot of pewter or of other pure mettall?

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11 Whether haue any in your Parish beene God fathers or God-mothers to their own children? or whether your Minister or any God-fathers or God-mothers haue bled or doe ble any other forme, answere, or speach in Baptisme, then is by the booke of common prayer appointed? or doe giue the children baptized any name absurd or inconuenient for so holy an action? or whether any which haue not communicated, haue been admitted to be God-fathers or God-mothers contrary to the 29. Canon?

12 Whether doe all fathers, mothers, masters & mistresses, cause their children, seruants, and apprentices, to come to the Catechisme on the Sundais and holy-dayes befoze euening prayer, to heare, and to bee instructed and taught therein? and those that doe not their duties herein, you shall present their names.

13 Whether haue you or your predecessors Church-wardens there, suffered any playes, feasts, banquets, church-ales, drinkings, or any other prophane playes, to bee kept in your Church, Chappell, or Church-yard, or bells to be rung superstitiously on Holy-dayes or Eues, abrogated by the Booke of Common prayer.

14 How many inhabitants within your Parish, men or women aboue the age of 16. yeeres, doe refuse to frequent Diuine Service, established by publike authoritie of this Realme, or to receiue the holy Communion, or are negligent therein? or coming to church do depart befoze the end of Diuine Service or Sermon? what be their names, and of what degree, state, or trade of life are they? you are to present them all of each sort.

15 Whether doe any of the inhabitants within the said Parish, entertaine within their houses, any sojourners, lodgers, or any common resorters and guests, who refuse to frequent Diuine service, or to receiue the holy Communion, as aforesaid? what be their names, and of what qualitie or condition are they?

16 Whether any of the said popish Recusants bee of insolent behauiour, not without publique offence, or doe boldly buste themselves in seducing or with-drawing others, either abroad,

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abroad or in their owne families, by instructing their children in popish religion, or by refusing to entertaine any, especially in place of greatest service or trust, but such as concurre with them in opinion of Religion: and what bee their names that so doe?

17 How long the said popish Recusants haue obstinately abstained either from Diuine Service, or from the Communion, as is aforesaid? whether of any long time, or only since his Maesties raigne, and how manie monethes?

18 Whether there be any popish Recusants married, or the child of any Recusant christned, or any Recusant buried, within your Parish, by any other then the Minister of the Parish, or whether the child of any Recusant remaine vn-baptized aboue one Moneth, or be not baptized in the Parish Church?

19 You shall present how the children of such as refuse to come to Church, are brought vp, vnder what Scholemaster or Tutor, when and in what schoule or place?

20 What persons aforesaid within your Parish, either for the offence aforesaid, or for any other contumacie or crime doe remaine excommunicated? what be their names? and for what cause, and how long haue they so stood excommunicated? and whether doe any familiarly vse the company of such as doe obstinately stand excommunicate knowing the same? and what be their names?

21 Whether were you the Church-wardens and Questmen chosen by the consent of the Minister and Parishioners? and whether haue the Church-wardens before you giuen by a iust account for their time, of their receipts and disbursements, and deliuered you whatsoeuer money or other things, or goods, or stockes of the Church, which was in their hands? and whether doe you diligently see that all the parishioners doe duely resort to their Church euery Sunday and holy day, and there continue the whole time of Diuine Service, and suffer none to stand idle, or walke, or talke in the Church, Church-porch, or Church-yard, during that time?

22 Whether doe all persons aboue the age of 16. yeeres, vsually resort to heare diuine service vpon Sundates and holy

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daies approued? and whether hath each one of your Parishioners (being aboue the age of 16. yeeres, as aforesaid) receiued the holy communion thrice this last yeere, and chiefly once at Easter last in your Parish Church kneeling: if no, then you shall present their names which haue not so done.

23 Whether haue you a fit parish Clerke aged 20. yeeres at least, of honest conuersation, and sufficient for reading and writing, & whether he be paid his wages without fraud, according to the ancient custome of your Parish? if not, then by whom is he so defrauded and denyed? and whether is he chosen by the Parson, or Vicar, or by whom? and whether is your said Clerke approued and admitted by the Lord Bishop of this Dioces or his Chancelloz.

24 Whether haue any in your Parish beene married with in the prohibited degrees forbidden by the law. & expressed in a certaine table published by authoritie in Ann. 1563. if yea, then you shall present their names; and whether is the said Table publicquely set by in your Church, and fastned to some conuenient place there?

25 Whether doe any heretofore diuorced, or married & not diuorced, keepe company at bed & board as man & wife with any other man or woman, then with the person that he or shee was married vnto? what be their names? when & where were they married? & how long haue they so continued together? & whether any husband and wife in your parish are apart each from other?

26 Whether haue you in your Parish to your knowledge, or you haue heard by common fame & report, any which haue committed adultery, fornication, or incest, which haue not bin publicquely punished to your knowledge? if yea, then with whom? or any man that hath attempted the chastitie of any woman, or any, who haue committed incontinencie together before they were married: or any in your parish suspected to be hauds, harborers or receivers of such persons, or suspected of any of the crimes aforesaid? if yea, then with whom?

27 Whether haue you any in your Parish which are by common fame and report, or vehement suspicion reputed and

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taken to bee common drunkards, blasphemers of Gods holy name, common and vsuall swearers, filthy speakers, raylers, sowers of discord amongst their neighbours, or speakers against Ministers marriages, Usurers contrary to the Statute made in the 37. of K. Henry the 8. Amongst all persons, fighters, brawlers, or quarrellers in Church or Church-yard: you shall not faile to present their names.

28 Whether haue any in your Parish receined or harbozed any woman with child, that was not before a house-holder in your Parish, or gotten with child out of wedlocke, & suffered her to depart againe without punishment first inflicted by the Ordinarie? you shall present aswell the parise harbouring as harboured, and who is suspected to bee the father of the childe? and who hath helped to conuey her away?

29 Whether any person or persons suspected or detected heretofore of incontinency, and therefore departing out of your Parish for a season, is now returned againe, or in what place else is he or she now abiding to your knowledge, or as you haue heard? and whether he or she hath done any penance, or else escaped without penance, & by what & whose meanes? you shall not faile to present the whole truth in that behalfe.

30 Whether haue you any in your Parish which liue together as man & wife, and yet are not knowne by whom, where, or when the where married? & herein you are especially to enquire of those who are Recusants, or whereof the one of them is a Recusant or Sectarie; present your knowledge herein, and what the Common fame or report is among your neighbors?

31 Whether any within your Parish, or else where within this Diocese, haue retained or kept in their custodie, or read, sell, utter, disperse or deliuer to any others any English or Latine booke or libels, set forth or printed either on this side or beyond the seas, by papists or sctaries against the Kings Supremacie in causes Ecclesiasticall, or tending to Poperie, puritanisme, or any other sect, error, or heresie, against the true and Catholike Religion and Doctrine now publicly professed in this Church, or the government or discipline of the Church of England established by authority, that you know or haue heard

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heard of, what their names and surnames are?

32 Whether haue you in your Parish any, which heretofore being popish Recusants or sectaries, haue since conformed themselves and come to Church to heare diuine Service, and receiue the Sacrament? if yea, then who they are? and how long since haue they so conformed themselves? and whether do they still abide in that conformity?

33 Whether are there in your parish any Wills not yet proved, or goods of the dead dying intestate, left unadministred by authoritie of the Ordinary in that behalfe? and whether any possesse the goods of any person deceased without authoritie from the Ordinary: you shall not faile to present the Executors & all other culpable therein, & how many persons possessed of any goods or chattels haue dyed within your parish since the second of Aprill now last past? and present their names.

34 Is there any legacie giuen to the Church, or to other good and godly vses, as reliefe of the poore, Orphans, poore Schollers, poore maidens marriages, Scholes, high-ways, & such like which is not yet performed? if there bee any such, you shall present what you know or can learne thereof, & by whose default the same is not performed?

35 Whether any of your Parishioners, hauing a Preacher to their Parson, Vicar, or Curate, doe absent themselves from his Sermons, & resort to any other place to heare other Preachers, or refuse to receiue the holy Communion at their Ministers hands? and whether any other Minister hath receiued to the Communion any of your Parish? and specifie the names both of the Minister and of the Parishioner.

36 Whether there be in your Parish, any Inholders, Ale-house-keepers, victuallers, or tipplers, that suffer or doe admit any person or persons into their houses to eat, drinke, play at dice, cards, tables, bowles, or such like games, in the time of common prayer or Sermon on sundayes or holidates? or any Butchers, Victuallers, Mercers, or any of any other trade or occupation, vnto to keepe their shop windowes open, or sell their meates, victuals, ware or merchandises, or otherwise vnto their trade or occupation on Sundayes or Holy-dayes, especially in
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the time of common prayer or Sermon: and whether any markets or selling of wares be vsed or suffered in any Church-yard on the Sunday, by common pack-men or pedlers going about, or any Butcher?

37 Whether any married woman be in your Parish, after child Birth, refuse or neglect to come to Church to giue God thanks for their safe deliuey, and to haue the prayers publickly appointed on that behalfe by the booke of common prayer?

38 Is there any in your Parish who refuse to haue their children baptized or themselves to receiue the Communion at the hand of your Minister, because he is no Preacher: or whether any keepe their children longer unbaptized then is convenient, vnlesse it be for the sickness of the child, or other vrgent occasion? and whether any doe carry their childe or children from their owne Parish to any other Parish to be baptized, and to what other Parish? who baptized such a child? and whose child it was: and whether haue you in your Parish any childe or children which are not yet knowne to you or to your Minister to be baptized? and herein you are especially to enquire of those children whose parents or one of them are recusants?

39 Whether doe you know or haue heard of any Patron in your Parish, that hath made gaine by any colour, deceit, or simoniacall compact in bestowing his Benefice for gaine, or receiuing maney, or promise of the lease of the whole or part, or by reseruing his owne tithes, or any pension to himselfe, or any other?

40 Whether the Almes-houses or Hospitals in your Parish, are well and godly vsed and ordered according to the foundations and ordinances of the same, and whether there bee any other placed in them, then poore, impotent, and needy persons: that haue not where with or whereby to liue: and by whose default are they not so ordered and kept?

41 What Midwives haue you in your Parish, of what skill: are they accounted of for that office, and whether are they licensed by their Ordinarie to execute the same?

42 Whether haue you any in your Parish that practise physicke or surgery, of what skill are they accounted for their profession,

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cession, and to say or do they practice without a particular licence from the Bishop of this Diocese or his Chancellor.

43 Whether any of your parish dyng excommunicate, or wilfully destroying himselfe, been buried in y^e Church or Church-yard, by whom and by whose procurement.

44 Whether any in your parish hath or doe refuse to contribute towards the reparation of the Church, and to the provision of such things as belong thereunto.

45 Whether the Feete of November be kept in your parish, with prayer and thanksgiving to Almighty God, in such forme as is by publicke authority appointed for those dayes.

46 Lastly, if you know any other matter of Ecclesiasticall cognizance, worthy the presentment in your judgement, herebefore in these Articles not expressed, and which is fit to be reformed by Ecclesiasticall Censure, you shall likewise present the same by vertue of your Oath.

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